

State of Washington  
Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development  
Growth Management Services

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ANALYSIS OF  
RESPONSE METHODOLOGIES, COMPUTER PROGRAMS, AND ESTIMATES OF  
EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS RESULTING FROM SPECIFIC MEASURES RELATED  
TO LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SCENARIOS; NO. 09-RFP-312**

WHEREAS THE Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) issued the above-referenced Request for Proposals, No. 09-RFP-312 on June 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS this Amendment responds to bidder questions and incorporates those responses into the Request for Proposals as an Amendment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are responses to Bidder questions and these responses are incorporated by reference into the RFP as an Amendment:

Question No. 1: This work is very similar to the work effort currently being undertaken by the SEPA Implementation Working Group formed by the Climate Action Team to review SEPA policies for the State, and will dovetail with the work of the Transportation Implementation Working Group. Is this work intended to help inform the VMT calculations for these efforts, and is there intended to be any coordination with these groups during the project?

Response: There is no direct coordination required. However, the successful candidate should have knowledge of the related work and identify areas where synergies exist between various computer models and/or analytical assessment tools and methods local governments could use for calculating reductions in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).

Question No. 2: Will the project team be asked to address any application to specific growth management plans, or is the goal to see how the tools address the general needs of GHG analysis for Growth Management Act actions?

Response: The goal is to identify how the program(s) or tool(s) could identify the general results for greenhouse gas emission reductions in various land use and transportation planning scenarios conducted under the Growth Management Act.

Question No. 3: Will the project team focus specifically on the GHG emissions tools related to VMT after development has occurred, or will there also be analysis of tools that could help define GHG emissions related to implementation of the plans (construction and traffic GHG impacts, for example)?

Response: The intent is to identify tools local governments could use during the development of land use and transportation planning scenarios. Ideally, the tool would allow the local government to identify resulting greenhouse gas emissions from the different land use and transportation planning scenarios and use that information in the adoption process of the plans and/or development regulations.

Question No. 4: Will the review and analysis be limited to VMT tools, or is the goal to review all modeling software available to assess GHG impacts of development activities in general?

Response: The goal is to review all modeling software available to assess greenhouse gas impacts of development scenarios and activities in general.

Question No. 5: Will the costs of maintaining tools and data for these tools on an annual basis assume costs to a public agency in terms of staff time and salary rates, or will it assume that the tools and data will be maintained by outside contractors to the State?

Response: The cost of maintaining the tools and data for the tools should assume staff time and salary rates of municipalities. The state will not maintain the system(s) that may be used by local governments.

Question No. 6: Does "Plain Talk" comprise a specific, formalized set of guidelines or rules concerning the format and contents of written deliverables? Or is the meaning non-specific, simply indicating that in general the summary should be suitable for a lay audience?

Response: Plain Talk is a set of principles used in state government communication. It is essentially designed to keep written information brief, informative, and understandable. More information is available at <http://www.accountability.wa.gov/plaintalk/ptguidelines/default.asp>. The intent in the RFP is to keep the report text clear and easy to understand. The documents will not be reviewed for specific compliance with the Plain Talk principles.

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